(b) the physical and financial progress with respect to gauge conversions in the State of Rajasthan and reasons for the delay; and

(c) what is the budget provision for gauge conversion of Rewari-Sadulpur/ Sri Ganganagar-Sarupsar/Phulera-Jodhpur railway line and whether allocated funds are sufficient for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully/ partly in Rajasthan alongwith anticipated cost, expenditure incurred upto March'06, outlay during 2006-07, percentage physical progress alongwith the targets wherever fixed are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Gauge conversion Projects in Rajasthan	Anticipated Cost 06-07	Exp. upto Mar.06	Outlay 06-07	%age physical progress	Target wherever fixed
1.	Rewari-Sadulpur including Sadulpur-Hissar	306.58	2.15	28.99	6	Rewari-Sadulpur 2008-09
2.	Sriganganagar-Sarupsar	143.92	1.2	9.28	6	-
3.	Pipar Road-Bilara	33.44	5.88	25	20	2007-08
4.	Bhildi-Sadmari	244.74	8.72	115	18	2007-08
5.	Ajmer-Udaipur-Chittaurgarh	456	260.21	194.98	70	2006-07
6.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad Yard remodelling, Sabarmati-Khodiyar.	477.97	488.49	5	95	Completed except residual works
7.	Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari	469.1	127.46	270	15	2007-08

Phulera-Jodhpur gauge conversion has already been completed.

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan

2714. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new proposals for gauge conversion of Rajasthan State have been included in Rail Budget 2005-06 for conducting survey work;

(b) what is the time-frame fixed for survey indicating also criteria fixed for sanctioning of conversion work;

(c) whether there is any proposal for gauge conversion in Rajasthan going to be executed under National Rail Development Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be executed;

(e) whether Jaipur-Phulera Reengus-Rewari section is also going to be included in the scheme; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Survey for gauge conversion of Mavli-Marwar was included in Budget 2005-06.

(b) The survey is expected to be completed during 2007-08. Gauge conversion of existing Metre Gauge (MG)/Narrow Gauge (NG) lines to Broad Gauge (BG) are taken up under Project Unigauge since 1992 to develop alternative BG routes, establish new BG links, Minimize transshipment points and establish connection to ports, industrial centers and those required on strategic considerations. Apart from this, many projects have been taken up on socio-economic consideration.

(c) to (f) Under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) certain gauge conversion works have also been identified. Details of gauge conversion projects under NRVY in Rajasthan are given as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the gauge conversion Projects	Length (in kms)	Cost	Exp. Upto Mar'06	Outlay 06-07	Likely Target
Bhildi-Samdari	223	244.74	8.72	115	2007-08
Ajmer-Phulera-Reengus-Rewari	294.97	469.1	0.01	270	2007-08

Jaipur-Phulera convesion is not a part of NRVY. However, doubling by gauge conversion of Jaipur-Phulera has already been taken up.